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Status of the Hanoi Powerplant

1. Air strikes were carried out against the Hanoi powerplant (installed capacity of 32,500 kw) on 19 May, 21 May, 10 June, and 21 August 1967. Repair work to 2 of 3 boilers damaged in May appeared to be in progress just prior to the fourth strike. Although the plant could have been operating at two-thirds of capacity at that time, the old age and poor condition of generating equipment probably limited output to around one-half of installed capacity. Restoration of the two boilers under repair probably will be complete early in October.

2. Damage from the strike of 21 August was limited to the turbine-generator hall. It is estimated that one turbogenerator received heavy damage and a second received probable light damage. Repairs to these machines are likely to require a minimum of four to six months.

3. Outage time from the strike of 21 August probably lasted from a few hours to several days. It is believed that the plant was operating at 1/2 of capacity within one week of the fourth strike and is probably operating at that level today.

4. The operational level of the Hanoi powerplant at the end of September is speculative. Since the location of the several sizes of turbogenerators is not definitely known, the total capacity of the two damaged machines could range from 10,000 kw to 15,000 kw. Output at the end of September, therefore, will range from one-half to two-thirds of installed capacity. We believe that the plant cannot be restored to full capacity before the end of the year at the earliest.

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